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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

ATZK-JA (27)

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters  
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters


SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Policy Memo No. 41-15 – Withholding Authority to Dispose of Senior Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) and Officer Misconduct

1. References.

- a. Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 USC 8 801, et seq.
- b. Fort Knox Reg 27-10, Military Justice, 9 July 1999, and Change 1, 24 March 2006.
- c. Misc. Pub 27-7, Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, 2005 Edition.
- d. AR 27-10, Military Justice, 16 November 2005.

2. Authority to dispose of UCMJ offenses allegedly committed by master sergeants (E8), sergeants major (E9), commissioned officers, and warrant officers is reserved to the Commanding General (CG), USAARMC.

3. If an officer or senior NCO in the grade of E8 or E9 allegedly violates one or more punitive articles, the brigade/regimental commander or staff director will forward an initial report of the incident as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours, to the CG with a copy furnished to the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA). This initial report will not be delayed to gather additional facts and can be made telephonically to the CG. Within 72 hours, the brigade/regimental commander or director will gather all available facts, evidence, and circumstances and provide a final report, or interim if necessary, through the SJA to the CG. Final Reports will contain the independent chain of command recommendations for disposition.



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